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TAGS: MOPS, PINS, AEMR, AO, CG
SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 51 (MAY 4, 1977)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE 51ST MISSION-WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS FROM LUBUMBASHI.
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MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 031800Z MAY 77.
NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES:
A. DDN REPORTS HOSTILE FORCE CASUALTIES FROM 1 MAY ACTION AT MUSANGU (1027S/2355E) REMAIN UNKNOWN, BUT INDICATIONS ARE THERE

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WERE SOME.
B. FRENCH STAFF OFFICER AT DDN REPORTS THAT MONITORED HOSTILE FORCES RADIO TRANSMISSIONS INDICATE HOSTILE FORCES DEPARTED MUSANGU IN DISORDER, APPARENTLY LEAVING BEHIND CERTAIN SUPPLIES AND WEAPONS UNPROTECTED.
C. DDN GAVE NO INDICATION OF POW'S CAPTURED.

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:
A. FAZ CASUALTIES FROM MUSANGU WERE 7 KIA, 30 WIA.
B. CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, FAZ FORCES REMAIN VICINITY OF MUSANGU. DDN HAS ISSUED ORDERS TO CONTINUE ADVANCE EARLY 4 MAY.
C. NO INFORMATION RECEIVED AT DDN FOR KASAI/SHABA BORDER AREA.
D. COL DIKUTA IS IN PROCESS OF REORGANIZING DEFENSE OF KAMINA AND HAS ESTABLISHED AN ADVANCE COMMAND POST AT KINDA (0918S/2504E). (SITREP 48, PARA 3E.)
E. GEN BABIA VISITED KOLWEZI ON 3 MAY, SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO KINSHASA MORNING OF 4 MAY.
F. MAJ ZUYA HAS NOW REPLACED LTC VUADI AS COMMANDER OF BATTALION VICINITY KWANDA (0934S/2409E).

4. MOROCCAN FORCES: FRENCH STAFF OFFICER AT DDN REPORTS MAJOR REASON FOR DELAY IN PURSUIT OF HOSTILE FORCES AFTER NOW APPARENT HOSTILE DISORDER AT MUSANGU IS THAT MOROCCAN FORCES DID NOT WANT TO SPEARHEAD THE ADVANCE, AND WERE WAITING FOR FAZ TO REORGANIZE AND RESUME THE ADVANCE.

5. AIR:
A. EGYPTIAN LIAISON OFFICER REPORTS 21 (NOT 50 AS REPORTED IN PRESS) EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL (4 PILOTS AND 17 TECHNICIAN/
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MECHANICS) ARRIVED 2 MAY TO ASSIST IN THE FAZA MIRAGE AIRCRAFT PROGRAM. FRENCH AND EGYPTIAN TEAMS ARE COORDINATING ON THIS PROJECT.
B. NO AIR RECONNAISSANCE OR TACAIR RESULTS REPORTED.
C. TWO US AIRCRAFT (ONE CHARTER DC-8 AND ONE USAF C-141) DUE IN KINSHASA 5 MAY WITH C-RATIONS AND OTHER NON-LETHAL SUPPLIES.
D. FOUR FAZA C-130 AIRCRAFT OPERATIONAL.

6. DOMESTIC PRESS
A. KINSHASA MEDIA MAY 4 PLAY-UP "LIGHTENING" PROGRESS OF FAZ/ MOROCCAN FORCES BUT NO DETAILS GIVEN ASIDE FROM "ELIMA" SUB-HEAD THAT THE NUMBER OF ENEMY PRISONERS HAS INCREASED AND "CUBANS INVOLVED IN INFAMOUS AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAIRE." SUSPENSION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EAST GERMANY JUSTIFIED BY "ELIMA" EDITORIAL WHICH NOTES THAT EAST BERLIN "HAS ONLY FOLLOWED THE STEPS OF ITS MASTER, A CERTAIN SUPER-POWER WHICH FOR A LONG TIME HAS BEEN DISTURBING OUR PEACE AND TRANQUILITY." TV NEWS COMMENTARY MAY 3 P.M. SAYS "USSR ABD SATEKKUTES MUST HIDE THEIR FACES IN SHAME BEFORE INTERNATIONAL REPROBATION." ZAIRE

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PRESS AGENCY EDITORIAL SAYS LIBERATED AREAS ARE DEVOID OF LOCAL RESIDENTS BECAUSE "THE MERCENARIES INTRODUCED THE PRACTICES -- SO DEAR FORMALLY TO HITLER AND STALIN -- OF MASSIVE DISPLACEMENTS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION."

B. ACCORDING TO USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE SIX AZAP JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN DISMISSED FOR HAVING TOO CLOSE ASSOCIATIONS WITH CERTAIN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. NO FURTHER DETAILS YET AVAILABLE.

7. DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION:

A. KINSHASA: CALM.

B. LUBUMBASHI: BUSINESS AS USUAL.

C. KOLWEZI: THE PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY SPENT THE DAY IN KOLWEZI DIRECTING HIS TROOPS IN THEIR DRIVE FOR THE RECAPTURE OF KASAJI. THERE IS STILL TALK OF A TRIP TO THE KASAIS, BUT NO SPECIFIC DATES.

D. KAMINA: NO CHANGE REPORTED.

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8. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: NO REPORTS OF RECENT CONTACTS WITH MISSIONARIES IN ANY OCCUPIED AREAS.
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